

Books, Magazine Articles and Films Related to the Dionne Quintuplets

- [1934]. "We Call On Those Famous Quintuplets!" British Pathé Online Archives at <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=52368> This reel has no sound and shows the babies still in the incubator. The same shots appear in "The Quins".
- 1934-36. "The Quins: The Story of the famous 'Dionne Quintuplets'." British Pathé Online archives at <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=75107>. This is a compilation of several reels which are also located in the archives separately.
- 1935 Lottridge, Harry, and G.J. Fitzgerald. *Souvenir of North Bay Old Home Week, August 4 to 10, 1935. North Bay, Ontario*. Nugget Press, 1935. This includes an article called "Quintuplet History," (pp. 35-39). This long article details the early history of the Quintuplets. A full page photo of Doctor Dafoe faces the article and there is also a full page ad from North Bay Garage showing that Dr. Dafoe uses a Chevrolet to attend to the Quints. A half-page ad from Bee Hive Golden Corn Syrup claims that it was used in the first feedings of the Quints. The article begins with the statistical probabilities of a quintuplet birth. It gives two factors in their survival - the first being that that they are from hardy French-Canadian stock, one of the strongest known, "coming originally from the Nordic Race, from Sweden, Denmark and Northeastern Europe." The second is the care provided by Dafoe, "a quiet, unassuming country doctor." The mid-wives who attended the birth, the nurses who worked at the hospital afterwards, and the various people who assisted as well as the two boards of guardians are named and details given. The Red Cross is seen as particularly instrumental in helping out. Interest in the Quints is such that on a recent Sunday, 4000 visitors were counted and it is likely the number will continue to grow. Cars are from every part of Canada and the United States. Visitors have a really good road, built at the cost of \$75,000 by the Ontario Government, to travel on where before there was only a trail. This road is expected to link up to the Ottawa-Toronto link of the Trans-Canada Highway later. Advertising and picture contracts have been signed and the Quints already have an estate of \$200,000. The Quints have had opportunities not granted every child. They are truly the world's babies.
1935. NEA Service Inc., Cleveland. *Dionne Quintuplets Growing Up Exclusive Pictures*. New York: Platt & Munk, 1935.
1935. Thompson, Gordon V. *Quintuplet's Lullaby Fifty Chubby Tiny Toes: Authorized Song of the Dionne Quintuplets*. Toronto New York: Gordon V. Thompson Leo Feist, 1935.
1935. Slesinger, Stephen. *The Story of the Dionne Quintuplets*. Whitman.
1935. *The Dionne Quintuplets Growing Up Exclusive Pictures*. London: Putnam & Co., 1935.

1935. *The Pictorial Story of the Dionne Quintuplets: The Five Little Dionnes and How they grew/ The Authorized book of Exclusive Photographs of the Dionne Quintuplets*. Whitman.
- 1935/01/00. *Canadian Home Journal*. Article.
- 1935/03/00. Adler, Dr. Alfred. "Separate the Quins," *Cosmopolitan*.
- 1935/06/29. "The Private Life of the Dionne Quintuplets." *Liberty*, vol. 12, no. 26, 29 June 1935. Abe, \$28
1936. Dafoe, Allan Roy. *Dr. Dafoe's Guide Book for Mothers*. New York: Julian Messner, 1936. This is the first American edition and has a dust jacket. Cover is in pink pictorial cloth.
1936. Dafoe, Allan Roy. *Further History of the Care and Feeding of the Dionne Quintuplets*. Toronto: Canadian Medical Association Journal, 1936. Pamphlet reprinted from the CMA. Includes charts.
1936. de Kiriline, Louise. *The Quintuplets' First Year the Survival of the Famous Five Dionne Babies and Its Significance for All Mothers*. Toronto: Macmillan Co., 1936. This book was published with a dustjacket.
1936. Legros, Madame, and Madame Lebel. *Administering Angels of the Dionne Quintuplet a True Story of the Birth of the Dionne Quintuplets*. Cincinnati: Northern Publishing, 1936.
1936. Legros, Madame, and Madame Lebel. *Administering Angels of the Dionne Quintuplet a True Story of the Birth of the Dionne Quintuplets*. North Bay, Ont.: Northern Pub. Co., 1936.
1936. Thornton, Willis. *The Country Doctor a Story Based on the 20th Century-Fox Photoplay*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1936.
1936. "The Dionne Quintuplets at Callander Ontario (AKA Pathe Gazette Presents). Here they are shown looking at a frog and then dancing outside and playing in the garden.
1936. "The Quins Christmas Party." Pathe Gazette. British Pathé Online: <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=7144> This reel shows them getting dolls and playing with a race car beside the Christmas tree with Dr. Dafoe and a nurse in the background.
1936. *Dionne Quintuplets Picture Album. The Complete Story of their first two years*. New York: Dell.
1936. *Protecting the Dionnes: a valuable manual for mothers, with useful information about scientific modern baby-care, as practiced in the most famous case in medical history*. Toronto: Lysol Canada, c1936.
1936. Slesinger, Stephen. *The Dionne Quintuplets, Going on Three*. New York: Dell Publishing, 1936.

1936. *Soon We'll Be Three Years Old: The Five Dionne Quintuplets' Book*. Racine, WI: Whitman.
1936. Thornton, Willis. *The Dionne Quintuplets - We're Two Years Old*. Racine, WI: Whitman.
- 1936/04/00. *Modern Screen*. Cover and pictures inside.
- 1936/03/00. Blake, Charles E. "How They Got the Quints in Pictures," *Photoplay*.
1937. Blatz, William E. *Collected Studies on the Dionne Quintuplets*. . University of Toronto Studies. [Toronto]: University of Toronto Press, 1937.
1937. *Here We Are the Dionne Quins, Three Years Old*. Racine, Wis.: Whitman Pub. Co., 1937.
1937. Obernon, Landa. *Five Times One: a quintuplet story book*. Racine, WI, Whitman, 1937. Soft cover, Illustrated by Bruce Norwood. Abe, \$75 or \$165. "A story about "any" quintuplets with no mention of the Dionne's except the dedication."
1937. "The Dionne Quintuplets enjoy a frolic in the the snow." British Pathé online archives at <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=52874>
1937. "The Press: Quin's Contract." *Time Magazine* online, 11 Jan. 1937. This article indicates that Fred Davis was the one who came up with the idea to sell pictures to help pay for their costs and that the first contract with NEA was for \$2,050 for six months. The second was for \$10,000 and renewed again in the spring of 1936. In 1937, however, the cost was \$50,000 a year. NEA actually provides the pictures for no extra charge to 710 clients. The increase is because they are not the "world's greatest news-picture story, subscribed to for 1937 by 672 U.S. Dailies with an aggregate circulation of 13,116,637." Last week NEA went looking for new contracts and takers included Time Inc. for exclusive magazine rights.
1937. *All Aboard for Shut-eye-town*. Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company. This book has cut out dolls on the back cover and costumes to cut out. Also includes Nurse Leroux on a day in the life of the quints. Abe, \$125.
1937. Ayer, Jean. *The Quin's Book*. New York: Thomas Nelson and Sons. Young reader.
1937. Burton, Walter E. "Photographing the Dionne Quins." *Popular Science*, Feb. 1937, 32-33, 134. This article provides both technical information as to the kind of film and equipment that was used by Fred Davis and the precautions taken to prevent others from taking pictures of the Quints. Photographing the Quints was not easy as they could not be forced into any specific pose and to get all five to do the right thing at the same time was not easy. Sessions were only held when Dafoe was present. There are photos showing what a picture through the snow fence looks like, of a guard taking the film out of a camera and exposing it when it was brought into the compound, of Davis taking a photograph of the Quints with a Christmas tree, of the boys who checked in cameras at the gate, and of a boy standing on the shoulders of a friend to try to get a picture over the fence. Available on Google book: <http://books.google.com/books?id=VygDAAAAMBAJ&lpg=PA32&ots=tt9bfZeV8z&dq=Fred%20Davis>

[%20photographer%20Toronto%20Star&pg=PA33#v=onepage&q=Fred%20Davis%20photographer%20Toronto%20Star&f=false](#)

1937. Dafoe, Allan Roy and William A. Dafoe. *Physical Welfare of the Dionne Quintuplets*, reprinted from the Canadian Medical Association Journal. Toronto: CMAJ, 1937. Pamphlet.
1937. Jenkins, Dorothy. *The Dionne Quintuplets: Our Third Year*. Philadelphia: David McKay Company.
1937. *Modern Screen Magazine*, April 1937. Cover: Shirley Temple and the Dionne Quintuplets. Abe, \$25.
- 1937/02/15. *Life Magazine*. Dionne Quintuplets and Shirley Temple pictures.
- 1937/05/17. "Going on Three," *Life*, vol. 2, no. 20, 17 May 1937. Cover and pp. 36-43. Abe, \$15. Publisher is Time Inc., New York.
- 1937/05/30. *Los Angeles Times*. Rotogravure section, 4 pages of photos.
- 1937/12/27. *Life Magazine*, Dec. 27.
1938. Blatz, W. E. *The Five Sisters: a Study of Child Psychology*. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1938. This is the version for a popular audience of the scientific studies of the Dionne quintuplets.
1938. *Dionne Quintuplets Play Mother Goose*. 20 p., New York, Dell, 1938. Abe, \$35.
1938. *Key to the North. A Booklet of Information for Visiting Tourists, 1938. Where and How to Spend Your Vacation in the North*. [North Bay]: The North Bay Nugget, 1938. Includes a long article with pictures of the Dionne Quintuplets.
1938. Dafoe, Dr. Allan Roy. *53 Emergency Aids While Waiting for the Doctor*. Toronto: Lehn & Fink. 32 pages with photos of the Quints.
- 1938/02/00. *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine*. Article. Abe, \$20.
- 1938/04/26. *Look Magazine*. Article.
1939. Hunt, Frazier. *The Little Doc the Story of Allan Roy Dafoe, Physician to the Quintuplets*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1939. A sympathetic biography of Dafoe's early years.
- [1940] *Souvenir View Book of Quintland and Northern Ontario. A Dominion Series View Book*. Ottawa: Photogelatine Engraving Company. [ca. 1940]
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1976. Corriveau, M. Louise. *Quints to Queens*. New York: Vantage Press, 1976.
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1986. Nihmey, John and Stuart Foxman. *Time of Their Lives the Dionne Tragedy: A True-Life Fairy Tale*. Ottawa: Niva Pub., 1986. A fictionalized version of the story.
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